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Subject: Raised Bill 6765 on Interpreter Qualifications

To the Human Services Committee:

y name is Robert Basehore. I am Deaf and use sign Language Interpreting service here in Connecticut.

I agree with the intent of Raised Bill 6765 to update and strengthen the training and educational requirements for sign language interpreters to work in Connecticut. However, I do not agree with downgrading the certification qualifications for interpreters in legal settings. The knowledge and proficiency demonstrated y higher levels of certification should not be equated with time spent ina workshop.

I also fear that I will not be able to receive interpreting services due to a shortage of qualified interpreters until interpreters are able to satisfy the deocementation of training hours required for each setting.

With the qualifications in the law as istands now, I have had wonderful interpreting services and I think very highly of the qality of interpreters we do have in this state.

**Thank you,
Robert Basehore**